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## Do Your Christmas Shopping Early--You'll Get Better Selections, and the Clerks Will Appreciate It, Too.

### Who Knows Anything Of This?

J. R. Newman, of this city, has purchased the Johnson and Nelson farms, four miles this side of Great Bend. There are some 320 acres in the two tracts and they were purchased by Mr. Newman at a price of \$9,000.—Topeka Capital.

No one here seems to know anything of a sale of this kind, and so far as we know there is no land owned by a man named Nelson east of this city, while the land owned by Johnson could not be bought for three times that amount.

Here is another land story that sounds different, and is correct, except that the tract was a half section instead of a quarter. This was also taken from the Capital. Marysville, Nov. 29.—Carson Smith, who formerly resided near Beattie, 14 miles east of here, two years ago bought a 160 acre farm near Great Bend for which he paid \$14,000. A few days ago he sold the farm for \$25,000.

### Fast Corn Shucking.

Leo Winterscheidt, of German town, made an excellent record in corn shucking. In eight hours and five minutes he husked 140 bushels. He went one mile to the field and husked and cribbed it in that time.—Horton Headlight.

Has not some Barton county man beaten this?

### Christmas Greens at H. - H.

We have been fortunate enough to secure a fancy assortment of Evergreens for decoration purposes. Our assortment includes Christmas Trees, in all sizes, Holly, Magnolia Branches, Mistletoe, wreaths of the following material, ready made—Arbor Vitae, Magnolia, Laurel, Holly. This display is something better than the ordinary and we want everyone to see it.

H. - H. Grocery Co.

Martin Starr was over from Claffin Saturday.

I can save you money on a hay carrier outfit for your barn. Bondurant.

Miss Minnie Giffin came up from Guyman, Okla., Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. S. McCormack, of Shattuck, Okla., are here for a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Albert Allison, and family.

Sherwin-Williams Paints are used all over the world by people who want the best. No costlier. Guaranteed by Bondurant.

Myra Winger and May Seebert, from Albert, Kansas, have been visiting friends in Tribune this week.—Gregey county Republican

For Sale—My farm, 2 miles south of Great Bend; 240 acres; all good land, finely improved, at \$18,000; half cash, balance in five years. J. O. Riegel, 4t.

Mrs. Clyde Carson has returned from Hutchinson. Mr. Carson will return the first of the year, and will be connected with the Great Bend Furniture Co.

H. J. Helfrich, John Helfrich and Frederick Straub, of Logan township, were in the city Monday on business in the probate court. They made this office an appreciated call.

Kind Friend, don't wait until Xmas to have your "Duds" cleaned and pressed. Bring them in the next time you come to town and do not forget to give them to your friend, Doyle, at corner 16th and Main.

Frank Haynes, for the past three years an employee of this office, resigned his position last Saturday evening and left for Canon City, Colo., where he has accepted a position. Mr. Haynes was a good man, and although regretting his leaving, we trust his new place will be a pleasant and profitable one for him.

Judge D. A. Banta, of Great Bend, delivered the address at the memorial services for the Elks lodge yesterday afternoon. There was a good attendance and the talk by Judge Banta was greatly appreciated. He told of his past connection with some of the members who are now passed away, but who were well known to him.—Hutchinson News.

### Gordon-Miller.

Miss Anna E. Miller and Mr. J. David Gordon sprung a surprise on their many friends when they were married last evening at 7 o'clock.

The ceremony, which was performed by Rev. Westwood, pastor of the Presbyterian church, occurred at S. A. Newcombe's commodious home on Baker St., consisted of the simple but impressive ring service, and was accompanied throughout the pledging of vows by Miss Lucile Newcombe softly playing the "Melody of Love" on the piano.

Immediately following the congratulations, Mrs. Newcombe, assisted by Miss Lucile and Miss Jessie Treat, served an elaborate wedding supper in inimitable home style.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon left at 11 o'clock on their honeymoon trip to his old home in Ohio. On their trip they will take in Kansas City, St. Louis, St. Joe and Chicago, and will be gone about six weeks.

Others in attendance besides those mentioned were Jacob B. Miller and J. Leon Miller, father and brother of the bride, Mrs. W. W. Westwood, S. A. Newcombe, Mrs. G. S. Treat, his sister, and Victor and Dewey Newcombe.

### Commercial Club Meeting.

The Great Bend Commercial Club entertained a large number of their gentleman friends at a smoker given in the club rooms Wednesday night. After a very pleasant hour spent in social chat and the usual recreations of the place, the assemblage was called to order by C. L. Moses, who presided. After short talks by Mr. Moses and Mayor Dawson, there followed a pleasant series of short addresses by prominent citizens of the city. Time and space forbids us to mention the many good things which were presented for consideration. Chas. Townsley, assisted by Miss Pearl Emley, rendered a beautiful solo, and responded to encores. Sam Kellam also favored the assemblage with two dialect recitations in a manner which proved him to be a natural born entertainer.

The crowd was abundantly supplied with cigars during the evening, and after the talks punch was served.

This meeting is the first of a series of such meetings which will be held monthly from now on in the interest of harmony and a united effort to boost Great Bend, and make her the metropolis of central Kansas.

Thos. Leek was in Larned this week on business.

D. J. Lewis was over from Hoisington Monday.

For Sale—Good 1200 lb. mare, also good spring wagon. Inquire at this office.

Dan Miller was out to Burdette this week to visit his son, Warren Miller and family.

Charley Markey was here from Ellis county this week visiting relatives and friends.

The strongest and best hay carrier outfit for barns ever built. Price very low. At Bondurant's.

Tony Matzek, of Route 6, purchased a house and lot at the Taylor auction that was a bargain.

You will make a big mistake if you don't call on the H. - H. Grocery Co. before you buy your Evergreens, Candies, Nuts, Fruits etc., for Christmas.

The Misses Tilda and Mertie Vourard, of Alton, Ills., are out here for a visit with their uncle and aunt, the Nicolets, on the south side.

A twelve year old daughter of W. B. McDonald, of the south side was operated on at the hospital last week for appendicitis. She is doing nicely.

The promoters of the real estate auction are going to continue to push this line of their business. They are men who have sold lots of Great Bend property, and have the nerve to let you buy stuff at your own price. The next sale is Saturday afternoon, December 17th., 1910, at 2 p. m. on West Forest Ave.

### Home Study Club.

The Home Study Club met on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Dorra Clayton, and the following program was rendered:

Leader, Mrs. Jennie Dawson. Edward II, Maude Luse. Edward III, Mrs. Maude Bailory.

Commencement of One Hundred Years War, and History of The Black River, Mrs. Dora Ewalt. Battle of Crecy, Mrs. Mary Epperson.

The club adjourned to meet on December 12th with Mrs. Epperson.

### The Progress Club.

The Progress Club met Monday, December 5th, with Mrs. F. V. Russell. The following program was given:

The Wesleys and Their Success—Mrs. Kendall.

Readings From Adam Bede—Mrs. Torrey.

John Bunyan—Mrs. McMullen.

Daniel De Foe—Mrs. Smith.

Wesleyan Hymns—By Club.

Canto 3, of Paradise Lost—Mrs. Connett.

At the close of the program the hostess served light refreshments.

The club will meet next week with Mrs. Emley.

### Athenian Club.

The Athenian Club held a Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. Katherine Smith. The members were asked to give a Christmas thought in response to roll call. Selected passages were read from Dickens' "Christmas Carol."

Mrs. Smith had prepared a supper, which was the more thorough enjoyed on account of the disagreeable weather.

The club adjourned after the singing of the Russian hymn.

There will be no more meetings of the club until January 2 when the club will meet with Miss Osmond.

### Real Estate Auction.

We will have another auction sale of city property in the west part of Great Bend at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, December 17. A lot of people bought bargains at our last sale—do not miss this one.

Arthur E. Taylor and Co.

### Joe Shaefer in Business.

Joe Shaefer arrived from Garden City, or rather the Pacific coast, last Monday morning. He has been out on the coast for the past year or more. He has closed a deal for the Palace market, which he will take charge of at once. Mr. Shaefer, who for a long time was a resident here, and in the meat business, has a great many friends who will be pleased to have him back in active business again. He understands the business and will make a strong bid for his share of the trade. Mrs. Shaefer stopped at Garden City to see the little grand son.

### Big Storage Plant.

Hoisington will soon have a 2,000 ton ice cold storage plant. The Hoisington Electric-Ice Co., have decided to build and expect to begin work in about ten days and have the plant completed by Jan. 1, 1911.

The building will be located on lots just west of the present plant, and will be of brick, 100 feet in length, 40 feet in width and 30 feet in height. A switch track will be put in so cars can be loaded from the plant and trains can be iced. A platform will also be built along the south side of the plant for the handling of ice on trains, and the local trade will be supplied from a platform on the north side of the plant. Enough room will be left for the enlargement of the plant if occasion ever demands it. Room will also be provided for the putting in of a power plant.

J. R. Murphy, superintendent of the plant, will leave tonight for St. Louis to buy more equipment as they expect to make the plant modern in every respect. The approximate cost will be \$15,000.—Dispatch.

### Work For The Legislature.

The coming session of the legislature promises to be a very interesting and warm one. The house stands 54 Democrats to 71 Republicans. The latter are divided between regulars and progressives, although the latter or Stubbs brand outnumber the former. Not, however to the extent that they can force through any of their measures or platform pledges without Democratic help. In fact, none of the so-called square deal measures we now have on our statute books have ever been put there except by the aid of the Democratic members, for which they have never been generally been given credit. The senate is strongly regular Republican, and will doubtless again be the graveyard for some very good legislation, as it was in the last session.

The following are some of the more important measures which will be brought in early:

Public utilities. Pension fund for teachers. Four year terms for state officers and the recall.

Initiative and referendum. Requiring the publication of campaign contributions and expenditures.

Establishing the Torrens land title system.

The Massachusetts ballot system.

Creating a hospital for the criminal insane.

Providing for the divorce of insane persons.

Allowing the voluntary commitment of insane patients, without court proceedings.

Requiring reports of physician and county health officers on vital statistics.

Constitutional amendment for woman's suffrage.

Changing oil inspection law to require all oils and gasoline to conform to certain standards.

Amendment of the inheritance tax law to permit sworn statements to the valuation of estates, and not requiring that all estates be probated.

Appropriations aggregating \$3,000,000 for the three state schools for maintenance and for improvements.

The public utilities bill will be the cause of the greatest fight in the legislature. Two years ago the row came over the question of having all utilities including the mutual telephone and local electric light plants, in the system.

This trouble has been obviated this year as the advocates of the measure do not intend to provide for all utilities coming under the law, except those which extend into more than one county. It would include all the big telephone, telegraph and railroad lines and the interurban railways.

It is planned to increase the railroad commission from three members to either five or seven, to handle the work, and to give it ample authority to compel changes in rates and improvements of service on hearings before the commission.

The two constitutional amendments are sure to cause considerable debate. One provides for all state officers to have four year terms and a prohibition against second terms. The recall will be inserted so that if officers are found derelict or incompetent they can be removed. This would prevent state primaries and elections except every four years, although there would be congressional primaries and elections every two years.

The initiative and referendum provision will also bring out a debate as the regular Republicans are strongly opposed to it, while the progressive Republicans and Democrats are for the proposition and it is urged in the Republican and Democratic platforms.

The woman's suffrage amendment will come up and the house will devote one evening to letting the members spout to their hearts content. No effort has been made to pledge the members to suffrage.

A good line of Acorn heaters left at very low prices. Let us show you. Bondurant.

### Election of Officers.

Woodlawn Lodge K. of P. No. 87, held a real old fashioned rally at the Castle Hall last Thursday evening. Quite a number of the old time members were in attendance in addition to the regular attendance and they had a good meeting. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

Theo. Griffith, C.C. Leo Wileck, V. C. S. A. Newcombe, Prelate. G. L. Chapman, M. of Ex. Ed Tyler, M. of F. Ed Tyler, K. of R. and S. Joe Walter, M. of W. R. A. Ewalt, I. G. W. A. Brown, O. G. Trustees, Henry Meyer, R. A. Ewalt and Theo Griffith.

### W. O. W. Election.

C. C. L. D. Lewis. Ad. V. Lt., J. D. Kramer. Banker, E. L. Chapman. Clerk, O. E. Marshall. Escort, Jim Miller. Manager, Jack Henline. I. G., A. Nicolet. O. G., Ora Sowle.

### Eastern Star Election.

Worthy Matron, Mrs. G. Marten. Worthy Patron, Mrs. W. Klinedenst. Associate Matron, Miss Mattie Fruit. Conductress, Mrs. O. M. Frazier. Assistant, Miss Glen Brodie. Sec., Mrs. W. Klinedenst. Treasurer, Mrs. Fred Miller.

### A. O. U. W. Elects.

The semi-annual election of officers in the A. O. U. W. lodge took place on last Saturday evening with the following result: M. W., S. M. Wesley. Foreman, Charles Hoover. Overseer, A. L. Powell. Guide, W. J. Riggs. I. G., Charles Mallory. O. G., Charles Gilbert. Trustee, D. C. Luse. Representative, L. C. Breeden. Alternate, S. M. Wesley.

### Where Is It?

An item in the Antrim correspondence column of the St. John County Capital says, "The new railroad is about all graded through here." We thought perhaps that referred to the road for which some of our people worked like sixty some months ago, but found it was another road. Then we began to wonder where our road was, and we are still wondering. We reckon it is coming, and that those connected with it know, but that does not answer the question. If there is still some show for the Kansas-Northwestern, why not let the people know something about it.

Hornbeck unloaded a fine car of cabbage this week.

Good top buggy for sale cheap. Inquire at this office.

James Welch and family have returned from their trip to Wisconsin.

Mrs. D. C. Luse and daughter, Maude, were in Hutchinson last Friday.

Mrs. J. A. Beckman is visiting friends and relatives down in Missouri.

Frank Harmison and P. Meyers were down from Homestead township last Friday.

Carbo-Magnetic Razors make fine Xmas presents. Strop free. At Bondurant's.

The H. - H. Grocery Co. are loaded with Fine Candies. Their assortment can't be beat.

Up until a few years ago Santa Claus was depicted making his pilgrimage to earth with sleigh and reindeer. Then came the auto, and this year we see him coming in an airship.

W. G. Smith, of this city, and J. R. Murphy, of Hoisington, are in Kansas City on business connected with the building of an ice and cold storage plant in this city. A storage plant with a capacity of 200 tons will be built here, and one with a capacity of 2000 tons at Hoisington.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall, of Liberty township, are entertaining a new son at their home.

### Ed Cook Sells Out.

Last week the implement establishment of E. E. Cook was sold by him to Mr. S. P. Bell, a Lawrence business man, who at once took charge. Mr. Bell has not yet arrived here to stay permanently, but will shortly. Mr. Cook will remain with the institution for some time.

Mr. Cook has built up a fine business in his line, and is recognized as one of the best implement men in the state. His successor comes to us with the highest kind of recommendations and will doubtless make good in continuing the excellent business of the establishment.

### Call For Fair Meeting.

All stockholders of the Barton County Fair Association are hereby notified that the annual meeting of the society will be held on Tuesday, December 13th., at the Commercial Club rooms in Great Bend commencing at 2 p. m. All holders of stock are urged to attend as this will be an important meeting. Ira D. Brougher, Pres. W. P. Feder, Sec'y.

### Work On Hoisington Shops.

The smoke stack for the power house was completed Tuesday and the event was celebrated by the unfurling of the Stars and Stripes from its summit, 150 feet from the ground. It adds a dignified appearance to the buildings under course of construction and shows that the machinery and the equipment of the buildings will not be of the "one-horse" order.

The concrete work goes merrily on. The gang is at present working on the cinder pit and coal elevator. The steel work on the machine shops is nearly all up, and brick layers are following it up. Several pieces of machinery have already been unloaded and placed in the blacksmith shop.

The filling is considerably over half done but the balance to be filled around and inside the building will occupy much more time. Track is being laid in the east yards.—Hoisington Dispatch.

Miss Hazel Horner visited with friends in Dodge City Sunday.

Fred Brands has gone to Grand Island, Neb. He has the state agency for a metal strip concern.

A divorce case entitled Ette M. Berry vs. Rufus L. Berry was filed this week in the district court.

Twin boys, William and Wirt, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hayes on Thursday evening of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Moses, Jr., have returned from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Nimocks and family, at Scandia.

The Elks Memorial services were conducted Sunday in their lodge room. F. V. Russell delivered the address. Special and excellent music was furnished.

George P. Wertz, of Shaffer, attended the Taylor Auction Sale of real estate on the two days after Thanksgiving and bought a house and lot. Mr. Wertz is one of the old timers of Rush county and we are glad to know he is coming to Great Bend.

Col. McLaughlin has closed his mercantile establishment temporarily, and with Mrs. McLaughlin, will spend the winter in Wichita. On his return, about February 1, he will be located on the Missouri Pacific tracks, where he can handle his business to much better advantage.

We will make special prices to Sunday schools and school teachers on assortments of candies and nuts for holiday use. Our stock of these is as large, complete and well selected as any in Barton county. Our prices will suit you. We want your business. If you will call on us we will do the rest. H. - H. Grocery Co.

As is very often the case, the home people sat back at the Taylor Auction Sale of real estate, and allowed outsiders to pick up the bargains. C. O. Donner, of Stafford, bought a lot south of the west school building and before night sold it to John T. Ash. John Hales bought a good lot for \$500 and was offered a neat profit on it before night.